

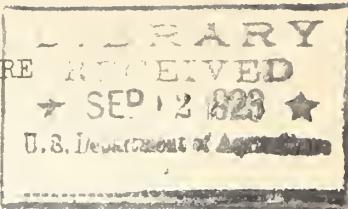
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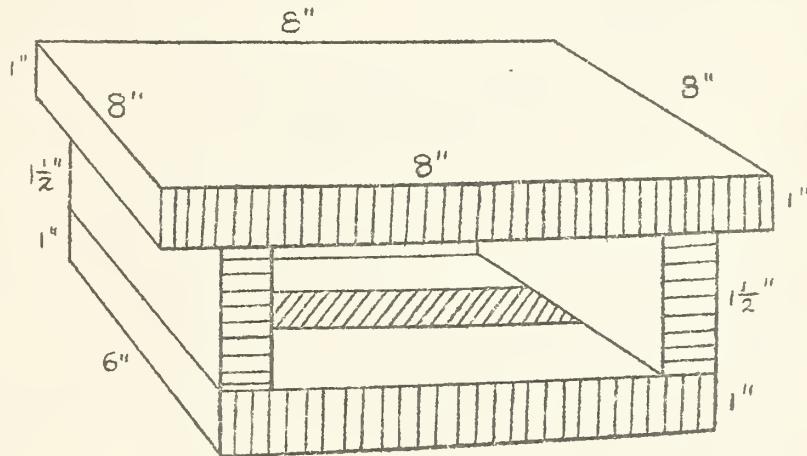
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POISON STATION FOR FIELD MICE

To protect poisoned baits from the weather and at the same time make them permanently available to field mice, a simple poison station has been designed as illustrated below. The cost is small, the essential parts being four pieces of wood and four nails.

Mice are attracted to stations of this kind and have often been observed running about and through them. Around fruit trees and grain stacks, and in other places where mice are apt to cause severe injury, these stations are found especially useful.



Square pieces are made of 1 by 8 inch board for the top and of 1 by 6 inch board for the bottom. The side walls consist of 1 by 1-1/2 inch strips 6 inches long. The whole is fastened together with four nails. A depression to contain the poisoned bait is cut in the bottom board with a chisel, or, if made at a planing mill, by a group of circular saws.

Poison stations should be partly concealed by a little brush, prunings, or other material that will afford shelter to the mice, and should be on high ground to avoid standing water and so placed that there will be a circulation of air to aid in keeping the baits dry and in good condition for long periods. They should be examined and refilled as required--at least twice a year.

Rolled oats, prepared as described in Biological Survey leaflet Bi-575a, are recommended for poisoned baits for these stations. When properly placed, these stations provide a maximum of protection against field mice at a minimum of labor and expense.

